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Jan 4 A thousand tender sensations were excited by the idea of
leaving my friends for the purpose of spending some months
in Middlebury. But pleasant wether rendered my journey
delightful. And on the 2 day after I left home arrived at
Middlebury where I spent five days and then went to Corn
all where I spent several weeks agreeably in visiting my
frends.

February the 23 24 25 A distressing cough and a severe head ache brought home
with all its indearments fresh in my mind.

th 28 Came to Middlebury with the pleasing idea of attending
the ladies Acaemy

March the 12 My health was quite recovered I and I felt tolerably contented
and enjoyed myself very well and was highly enter
in reading the life of Miss Woodbury.

May the 10 I can not express the emotions which of joy & surprise which
lt at the unexpected arrival of my Father.

11 Took a morning ride with my Father visited the Factor
ies and Stores &c and at 11 oclock returned -

12 Attended church and again heard a from a beloved Parent
a Solemn Sermon

Monday 12 At 2 oclock bid my dear Papa adieu. O how much less painfull would be the seperation if I had improved his pious instructions as I aught. But I hope to so improve my time this summer, so that my dear Parents will never have reason to regret that they placed me at Middlebury

May the 13 Monday Unfavorable weather prevented the long anticipated pleasure of entering the Academy.

Tuesday 14 Accompanied Miss H. to school was well pleased with my introduction. At about 10 we were summoned in to the Chapel to prayrs then returned and resumed our studies. I spent the day in reviewing the rudiments of grammar. But with little improvement. I resolve if I am permited to see tomorrow to be more studious. But this day is irrecoverably gone as time is ever on the wing. At 4 oclock attended the funeral of [illegible] the Courthouse. A solemn and appropriate exhortation by Mr H.

Wednes 15 Spent the day in reviewing the grammar. 5 oclock returned home with a severe pain in my head. Spent the night at Mr Hammond; rose before the sun and walked home. I prefer the beauties of the early dawn more than the finest sight the art of man can produce; Creation and all its works seem to fulfill the commands of their great Creator all things but order and regularity is seen. Not so with man he alone dares defy his Maker.

16 Attended School spent the day in studying the introduction to Geography O that I may prise the precious

previlege I now enjoy as I aught. If I realized the preciousness of time and the worth of my immortal soul, I should not have as many mispent hours to reflect upon as I now do.

17 Attended school as usual: spent the day in studying Geography: at 5 returned home much fatiegued.

Saturday 18 Spent a part of the fore noon in writing; at noon we read the 16 & 17 chapters of Numbers. The pious instructions of our preseptress were solemn and deeply interesting. If I had ever listened to the wisdom of the wise and experienced how many folies of my youth might I have shuned. To the experienced many wrong courses are perceived which are invisable to us who behold life only in prospect. At evening amused myself and Granparents with the writings of Mrs Magdalena.

Sabbath 19 I awoke this morning with a distressing pain in my head, arose with the sun but was soon obliged to lay aside my Book, and indulge myself in sleep which in some measure alleviated the pain in my head. The forenoon was spent in reading Miss M journal a part of the afternoon I spent in writing th writing to my Parents. At 5 oclock attended a conference at Mrs C—s. The exhortations more particular from the Stuents were peculiarly solemn and I think would melt a heart mo susceptible of impression than mine.

Monday 20 Monday spent my time in school in studying Geography

Tuesday 21 I can hardly tell what has so depressed my spirits to day every
day evinces that nothing is certain in this world but disap
pointments and death. I frequently observe in what ever situ
ation I anticipate happiness I either never obtain the desi
red object or if attained falls short of the expected enjoy
ment. At noon walked with Miss Gor & Miss H in the beautifull
grove upon the banks of the Creek.

Wednesday 22 Rose this morning at half past 4 oclock; a beautifull May
morning the sweet little birds fill the air with their melody
At 9 oclock accompanied Miss H to school: I really discover new
beauties in the study of Astronomy O what can be more
sublime or entertaining.

Thursday 23 I awoke this morning; the weather verry unpleasant which
prevented my attending school. At 2 oclock took a ride on ho
rseback. At evening walked out for the purpose of viewing
Planets & fixt Stars &c.

Friday 24 Took lessons on the Terrestial Globe and O never was I so sen
sible of my ignorance before but I will not indulge a disco
uraging thought but try to exert myself the more. Spent
the evening verry agreeably at Mr H—s. a part of the evenin
Dr Hull amused us with playing upon his Tenor Vial whil
he sung those beautifull lines upon the Gloom of Aubur

Saturday 25 Spent the day at home.

26 Ufavorable weather has again prevented my attending chu
rch. I spent a considerable part of the day in reading a
little Book entitled Fennelon. 7 oclock almost this time in the Sa
bbath will ever apear peculiarly solemn to me as it is th
time I used to sit by a Fathers fire side and with dear Bro
thers & sisters and hear parental instruction but O how
little improvement have I made: heart rending reflect

they are past and for irrecoverably gone.

Monday 27 The rain has again prevented my attending school, I apprehend I shall now have the mortification of being the last in my class.

Tuesday 28 Walked to school pensive & alone, the walking verry disagreable. When I arrived at the Academy felt myself much fatieged but not atall discouraged. At 6 oclock rode home the weather cold and unpleasand.

Wednesday 29 In the morning as usual recited in Geography at noon amused myself in perusing Thompsons beautifull discription of Summer at about 3 oclock received the unwelcome summons to walk into the Chapel. My mind was much agitated with the idea of reading. Soon after we entered the Chapel several gentleman from the College came in. Their presence nearly overcame all my fortitude. The gentlemens ~~was~~ exercises ware really entertaining. An oration in French excited my curiosity much. A peice upon the Sturdy oak & the willow was also very pleasing. To finish the exercises a solemn prair by a Mr D this expression singularly affected me. While praying in particularly ~~affected~~ the youth he said O may they all be virtuous may they all be christians. Sure if we misapprove the superior privileges we enjoy our condemnation will be great. At 5 oclock walked home with Miss We——l & W——d the exercises of the afternoon furnished a subject for conversation. The sensations which I felt on receiving intelligence from Emesburgh were such as I cannot discribe. How reviving to my spirits were letters from dear Brothers & sisters

30 I fear I have not made much proficiency in study today if I sensibly felt that the present moment is only mine and the next hid in Gods decree I should not sit so many moments unimployed as I now do. Att [illegible] took tea at Mr Seymours and attended a religious conference in the Courthouse a severe pain in my head rendered me almost insensible. Mr M observed that we might flee from a religious conference & from the society of the serious and the pious & welcome the society of the thoughtless & the vain but we could not flee from the presence of an all seeing God.

31 Attended school as usual but I fear not much proficiency made. At noon walked in the grove for exercise.

June Saturday 1 Soon after we arrived at the Academy the disagreeable intelligence reached our ears that Mrs Smith was unable to attend school; at about 10 ~~the~~ returned home much disappointed.

2 Sabbathday attened church text Luke 15.2 This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them. Att [illegible] attended a conference at Mrs Goodriches

Monday Tuesday 3&4 Spent in school as usual.

5 Accompanied Mrs S & the young ladies to the College to for the purpose of seeing the Philosophical Apparatus our entertainment was in the highest degree interesting and instructive. We saw one experiment after another in such rapid succession that I was completely confounded. The first which was presented to our view was a small round instrument of silver & by drawing a piston which it contained an pushing it suddenly down at ~~[illegible]~~ fire so compressed the particles of

air which was contained in the instrument as to produce fire. Another was a small balance of brass with a large cork on one side and a small piece of brass on the other. The brass appeared much the heav but when put under a receiver on the air pump and the air exhausted the cork appeared much the heaviest. A receiver was placed upon the top of the pump and the air exhausted it was impossible to move it without great exertion until the air was again let in. A receiver open at the top was placed on the air pump the hand being placed on the receiver and the air exhausted it was impossible to raise the hand until the air was let in. Mr. Hall observed the hand contained 25 pounds weight of air.

June

9 As usual attended publick worship. the forenoon sermon
from Matthew 23 chapter & 58 verse. And he did not many
mighty works there because of their unbelief. Probably
the reason why he wrought so few was the fear of
hardening them the more & rendering them the more
inexcusable. The Jews hardly perceived that he wrought
miracles & Jesus taught them, insomuch that they were
astonished & said whence has this man this great wi
sdom is he not the carpenters son & is not his moth
er called Mary? but let us confine our ideas more im
mediately to the present day. why do we not experience a
general revival of religion in this town. Gods love is
an ocean without bounds. O may we be more faithful
all more prayerfull persevere & entreat God will hear &
answer them ye for why will ye die. Afternoon from
Luke 22 41 42 And he was withdrawn from them abo
ut a stones cast & kneeled down & prayed & saying
Father if ~~[illegible]~~ thou be willing remove this cup from
me nevertheless not my will but thine be done. Well
plainly delineated the christians character observed tho
ugh the elements should melt & the ~~earth be rolled~~ to
gether as a scroll the hope of the christian still remained

Monday 10 As usual attended school in the morning recited in
Rhetorick at 12 oclock returned home spent the afternoon
very agreeably with Mr Lenn & wife after tea took
a walk in the grove our walk was delightfull & more
so than agreeable we took a stand for some minutes on
an eminence the scene presented was truly sublime
the heavens clothed with the vestures of the mildest blue
& the surface of the ground arrayed in a livery of the

June 10 gayest green. I think a view of these rural scenes can but inspire a secret delight & lead the mind to enquire who created the materials of which the thousand usefull substances & forms are composed as Mr Hervey very justly remarks we are obliged to our benevolent Creator for every accommodation which springs from the teeming earth & the smiling sky.

Tuesday 11 Pursued the study of Geography with renewed exertion and delight: the ear would not be touched with lively sensations of pleasure while the imagination is wafted beyond the shores of the Atlantic. O that I were sensible of my Benefits & thankfull to my Benefactor. At noon walked in the grove.

Wednesday 12 In the morning recited in Geography; afternoon as usual attended the exercises in the Chapel & was examined with the young ladies in the sciences of Grammar and Astronomy: there was many spectators present but however we survived.

Thursday 13 In the morning we read History in the afternoon I received a visit from Uncle B wife & daughters & the Miss Sperries: At evening attended a conference at the Courthouse.

Friday 14 Attended School recited in Rhetorick and Geography.

15 Unpleasant weather prevented my attending School on Saturday I spent some part of the day in writing. Another week is now forever gone. Time rolls away almost imperceptibly, and will soon waft me upon the shores of eternity from whose bourn no traveler returns.

June 14
Sabbath " Morning rose just as the sun had sent his refulgent rays over the eastern horizon. A beautiful morning. The sun is dressed in beaming smiles. To give beauties to the day: Scarce a cloud is seen to intervene the bright rays of the sun. At half past ten repaired to church; the morning sermon from Jeremiah 13 chapter 15 verse. Hear ye and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken it.

16 Give glory to the Lord your God before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive. Afternoon sermon Hosea 6 chapter 1 verse Come and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn and he will heal us; he hath smitten and he will bind us up. At 5 o'clock attended a conference at the Schoolhouse as usual heard several solemn exhortations and prayers: an exhortation from Mr R I think was more peculiarly impressive. O may it long be remembered by me. Oh how exalted are my privileges and how sincere ought my obligations to my beneficent benefactor who has conferred on me so many unmerited favors and even forfeited blessings; and yet my [illegible] heart can be unmindful of the Author of all these blessings.

June 17 4th day Walked to school melancholy and alone; a multitude of disagreeable subjects rushed in to my mind and almost overwhelmed me. It was with difficulty ~~that~~ I could collect my roving thoughts from their excursion and fix them upon study: the [illegible] pursuit would resume the reigns and guide my thoughts to more reasonable self interesting inquiries.

Tuesday 18 I think no engagement superior to the pleasure I derive from study. At evening walked out for the purpose of viewing the planets.
Straight towards heaven my wandering eyes I turned;
and gazed awhile the ample sky.

Wednesday. Morning, as usual recited in Geography: at afternoon attended the quarterly exhibition of the Sophomore class at the Court house: which was very interesting: a tragedy which was exhibited was in the highest degree diverting. at night returned home with a weak pain in my head. Our folks were absent; some young people came in at evening to night meeting [illegible] spent the night.

Yesterday's pain in my head rendered study irksome. at 3 o'clock in afternoon laid aside my studies returned home.

Friday 21 Appointed for a day of fasting and prayer: it not being convenient for me to attend meeting I spend the day however some part of it in writing. At evening took a walk. My companions accused me of being melancholy which rather served to increase my gloominess than to dispel it. I am inclined to think that I have contracted a kind of habit that when anything affects my mind disagreeably it occasions a kind of dejection which I wish to overcome

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and places for a substitute, some gratification which will justly merit approbation. When I see those which a refined education has rendered engaging in their appearance & elegant unaffected in their manners and discrete & virtuous in their conduct I am filled with sensations which I can not describe and regret that my education has been so limited though I am sensible I have much more cause for lamentation that I improve my present advantages no better.

Saturday 22 Was obliged to be absent from school which was a grief to me as I imagine the young ladies have as usual received excellent advice. But perhaps if I had been present I should have not improved the minutes as formerly and it would only added to my condemnation. At evening; the close of the week & the return of the Sabbath leads me to reflect how I have spent the many weeks since I left a Fathers house. Oh how has these 5 long months been spent; how awfully solemn is the thought that my past life has been but one continued scene of rebellion; not one day nor one hour spent as it ought to have been.

Sabbath 23 Attended church: text Job 22 chapter & 15 verse Hast thou marked the old way which the wicked have trodden — The preacher remarked that the old was a dangerous way ~~which~~ also a frequented way which leads to death: and so broad as to admit persons of all descriptions & not impede each other in their progress to destruction. He observed that Jobs friends were very much deceived with respect to his character & thought he was wicked because such severe judgments befell him. And Eliphaz said unto him hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden. God does not punish mankind in this world for their transgressions nor rewards them for their obedience. In the ~~st~~ general he described how displeasing this sin was to a holy God & how God had poured out his wrath upon the antediluvian world for their disobedience. Mr Hill observed that the present generation were nearly as guilty as the inhabitants of Sodom although we are not to expect the Lord will again deluge the earth with a flood or rain down fire & brimstone; but he will as surely punish us as he did them if we neglect so great salvation. but because sentence against an evil work is not speedily executed we still continue in sin

Monday 24 How often do my purposes fail. I anticipated much progress in study today but an acute headache has rendered it a task rather than a pleasing employment. O how rapidly does my time pass away. almost 6 weeks since I entered the Academy O astonishing how quick has passed & gone like a vapour beyond the flood; & how it has been improved I think those who hear my recitations & witness my indolence when engaged in the most delightful study think it actually a task rather than a pleasing employment. When I reflect upon it I am astonished at my stupidity & inactivity & would ne & select almost & often break my resolutions. how fickle & changeable is the human mind: what does this world afford but commotion and disorder: none enduring peace & tranquility to one who is far remote from a state beset with evils where nothing is certain but disappointment & death.

Tuesday 25 Forenoon recited on the map of Europe: at 2 o'clock attended the general conference at the Court house I thought the exercises were peculiarly solemn & impressive. When I see the hours mount as it were upon the wings of holy thou and meditation & from the delusions of the gay & thought-less. who are inhabitants, I am filled with an anxiety which pen can not describe; O how obdurate & incorrigable is my heart often have I abused such distinguished privileges and shall I ever be indifferent: neither is a time a comming when such privileges will be removed at an infinite distance.

Friday. Afternoon attended the exercises in the chapel. This evening I have been reading my journal & am now much ashamed of it that I have written no more & ashamed of what I have written. when I read what has been written by other young ladies I am astonished at the simplicity of mine & nothing but an idea of improving induses me to continue writing: I think the perusal of these sheets will afford a kind of horrible pleasure some months hence if I think them worth preserving: however I think it would be a grief to me to neglect my journal entirely. I have neglected writing Thursdays Journal for which I am ashamed to add I have entirely forgotten what was my employment. My time has been so much employed that I think it almost impossible to continue my journal. O how swift does time pass away yet how little do I realize its value till it is past and gone. O may I learn to calculate the [illegible] moments as they [illegible] [illegible] be able to say at evening I have sought this day nothing that I ought to have shunned & have left no duty undone

Saturday Attended school as usual. After prayers we were highly entertained with a gentlemans composition which was indeed interesting. A sketch of the life of Bonaparte by Mr O—

was very instructive though so tremulous as almost to exh-
aust my patients or at least disengage my attention. Mr [illegible]
read to us a pleasing & interesting piece in poetry which
distinguished great abilities indeed it was so peculiarly
interesting I could scarcely believe it to be written by the
person who read it. Mr [illegible] upon benevolence. Mr Hare
began his solemn and pathetic piece by minutely descri-
bing ~~in~~ a solitary walk which he had recently engaged in
the Churchyard. 2 of the young Gentlemen wrote upon the same
be charade: I have neither time nor disposition to say much upo
n the subject however I thought they had chosen a subject
which they were poorly able to manage. Several pieces upon
Charity Truth Friendship Honesty & the politeness of the sexes
were offered for our entertainment. At 4 o'clock retired to
our room & received much good instruction from our worthy
Preceptr at 9 o'clock returned home.

Monday At 9 o'clock walked to school with Miss Hammond, we found
our room in a deranged state of confusion. Miss Hall observed
she came in at 8 for the purpose of writing; but had been obliged
to perform a laborious task to collect the papers & books we
found our desks open & seats removed indeed every thing out
of place. Mrs Smith soon came in ~~to school~~. The young ladies
were active in relating the news & presenting her with their books
& papers which were injured. Miss Halls blank book was [illegible]
entirely ruined. whilst Mrs S was lamenting their misfortu-
ne. I chanced to open my desk & to my [illegible]
I was compelled to add that some person had taken the liberty
to take possession of my Journal: indeed said Mrs S I
think you are the greatest sufferer and added that she hoped
the person who now possessed it would profit by perusing its

Monday 24 Attended School and pursued my studies as usual, but I think if any person should have the curiosity to enquire what had been the sum of my progress I should be compelled to say it has been almost imperceptible. Oh, then happiness would be the thought if I could sincerely say at evening I have spent this day just as I should wish I had done if I knew it was the last I should ever spend on earth. Oh if I realized the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death how different would be my views from what they now are. How would it sweeten retirement and sooth my sorrows and heighten my most refined and complete enjoyment. How often does my conscience accuse me of base ingratitude to that Being who of all others deserves every return of praise & service which can be rendered by imperfect creatures to the King the Lord of Hosts.

After tea took a solitary in my favorite grove: The variety and beauty and elegant simplicity which I beheld in every plant and shrub could but lead my mind to admire the wonderful works of nature. "How wonderful are thy ways O Lord and past finding out. How wonderful how beautiful how sublime is my prospect! and how far does it surpass the most finished arts of men; Such a scene would methinks lead the pious grateful heart to the fountain from whence these blessings flow. Oh how often has such a walk dissipated the gloom of thought & pierced my heart for its ingratitude to the author of all. Oh that I did make a heavenly use of all sublunary enjoyments Whatever is pleasing agreeable or charming below I know ought to raise our corrupt desires above. If I possessed the abilities of a Thompson then could I minutely describe my walk. I have just discovered what has rendered writing to be a task which has formerly been my most delightful employment I will acknowledge the fault and resolve to do so no more

Repeatedly I have taken my pen with a resolution & felt an inclination to tell a [illegible]
That the idea that my writings would [illegible]
lay aside my pen with out writing a word and have felt such a conviction of my inability
as almost overwhelmed me; and now all my journal will probably appear in three or
[illegible]
ering & weak is my judgment; because I was unable to write any thing that ente-
tain a [illegible] I have written little or nothing that will entertain myself I think
that I shall ever regret that I have written no more.

Tuesday More than common interested in my studies

Wednesday Morning pursued my studies and attended the exercises in the Chappel as usual

July 19 After breakfast took tea with Mrs Kip & attended in evening lecture [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] without exception who will repent of
that he freely offers salvation to all
their sins. [illegible] entreateth us by his mercies [illegible]
[illegible] of our reversions [illegible] the reflection will ere long pierce
[illegible] this opportunity was misimproved the opportunity you have enjoy
the guilty soul with inexpressable anguish the solemn truths you have heard from
[illegible] this evening in this house & the
this preacher will ere long be fresh in remembrance [illegible] increase your misery beyond conception I
[illegible] as his ambassador tender to you the offers of life
do now in the name of Jehovah &
& salvation & pray you to be reconciled to God will you still reject. I would fain believe
that some in this assembly enquire how they shall be reconciled to God I will at least indulge
the fond hope while I endeavor to answer the enquiry. God is gracious by offering you salvation
nay urging you to make your peace with him. We are free agents capable of complying
or refusing & of cherishing or resisting the strivings of the holy spirit. The same
strenth that would carry you to the ballchamber would carry you to the church.
Repent, then and believe lay down the weapons of rebellion exercise faith in the Son of
God & he will lift upon you the light of his reconciled countenance. This evening salvation is offered
you God has said now is the accepted time & now is the day of salvation remember
now thy creator in the days of thy youth. Jesus Christ is proclaimed as the saviour of
sinners & of none but sinners even the chief of sinners ask & and yea shall receive seek
and yea shall find knock and it shall be opened unto you.

[illegible] Attended a conference as usual the exhortations were so solemn and made with so much apparent sincerity as could but solemnize the minds of the most vain and thoughtless but what served in some measure to impress the solemn truths on my mind was the concluding exhortation by Mr Brown the anxiety which he expressed for sinners in the most pathetic language and the solemnity which was visible in his countenance served to convey the truths he uttered to the the heart. After meeting I retired to my chamber and spent the evening in perusing the Holy Scriptures.

Monday As usual attended school and persued the study of Geografy I can scarcely remember the time when I have enjoyed such uninterrupted health and have been so little afflicted with a headache while my dear sister as well as many others are deprived of the invaluable blessing [illegible] I shall not long be permitted to enjoy so many great privileges if I continue to misimprove them. How astonishing it is that my affections are so bound to this deceitful world when I know and have long that known that nothing in this world can yield permanent enjoyment

Tuesday After the exercises in the forenoon were finished our Worthy Preceptor gave us much good advise and pious instruction and advised us to attend a conference at 2 oclock. It was indeed the most interesting and solemn conference which I ever attended almost every one addressed them selves to the assembly. Some remarks from a young gentleman who had lately become pious. He addressed himself in particular to the young [illegible] in the strength of [illegible] to devote the remainder of their days to the service of God and earnestly intreated others to be reconciled to God the concluding prayer was offered up by the Rev Mr Hovey

Wednesday Nothing remarkable occurred [illegible] excused us from attending the exercises in the Chapel on account of our being absent yesterday afternoon

Thursday Came out of school sooner than usual for the purpose of attending the evening conference at the court house [illegible] the exhortations excited in my mind an anxiety which I can not describe

Friday As usual attended school at noon walked with Miss Smith in our favorite Grove we prolonged our walk upon the banks of Otter Creek.

Sabbath evening attended a conference as usual. The exhortations were so solemn and made with so much apparent sincerity as could but solemnize the minds of the most vain and thoughtless. But what served in some measure to impress the solemn truths on my mind was the concluding exhortation by Mr Brown the anxiety which he expressed for sinners in the most pathetic language and the solemnity which appeared in his countenance served to convey the truths he uttered to the heart. I spent the evening in perrusing the Holy scriptures.

Monday 21 As usual attended schooll and persued the study of Geography. I can scarce remember the time when I have enjoyed such uninterrupted health while my dear sister as well as many others are deprived of this invaluable blessing. I fear I shall not long be permited to injoy so many great and precious privileges if I continue to misimprove them. How astonishing it is that my affections are bound to this delusive world when I know and have long that nothing in this world can yield permanent enjoyment

Tuesday After the usual exercises at schooll were ended our Preceptress gave us much good advise and instruction (may it not be forgotten) at 2 oclock attended a general conference at the Court house; I think it was the most solemn and interesting which I ever attended. Almost every class addressed themselves to the assembly. Several young gentlemen spoke with great earnestness and apparent sincerity. Several remarks from a youth who had lately become pious were more peculiarly interesting. He addressed himself in particular to the young observed that he resolved to devote the remnant of his days to the service of God and affectionately exhorted them to embrace christianity as the only way to happiness. The concluding prayer was offered up by the Revd Mr Mosier. After meeting walked with my school companions to our home. we walked silent, and silently along I believe each one was solemnly impressed with the truths we had heard.

Wednesday Nothing uncommon occured; Mrs Smith excused us from going into the Chapel on account of our being absent yesterday afternoon

Thursday Came out of school sooner than usual for the purpose of attending the evening conference it was truely a solemn scene. I thought I did indeed desire to possess what I thought the Pious did then so richly enjoy.

Friday As usual attended school at noon walked with Miss Hall in our Favourite Grove we prolonged our walk upon the banks of the creek to a considerable length. The curiosity which we discovered in the waves of the water and the numberless little fishes which we saw floating upon its surface and the variety and ~~beaty~~ beauty which we ~~be~~held in the plants and shrubs furnished a subject for conversation; our prospect was truely sublime. After we returned concluded our exercise in walking was quite serviceable to study

[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] also [illegible]
[illegible] school was [illegible]
immortal Souls it was a time when every one felt in a degree interested in regard to religion For 3 succeeding weeks the Ladies department was a scene of anxious enquiry with respect to Eternal realities Many were enquiring with the utmost solicitude what they should do to be saved

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A retrospect of the time which has elapsed since I wrote the preceding appears interesting I have formed many interesting friendships and have had to [illegible] many [illegible] dear to my heart many who are more [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] they

Many [illegible] have entered on their Eternal state of existance. —

May they realize all the pleasures ~~which~~ and pains which Hymens bands enclose and feel all the tenderness and [illegible] which maternal affection involves

Here insert a little scrap which I found among my school papers [illegible]

[illegible] I have [illegible]

[illegible] in view of the responsibility of the arduous and feel myself insufficient to discharge the important duties devolving upon me in my present capacity I feel that I need divine direction and assistance [illegible]

26 The foregoing leads me to recount the [illegible] during the 5 months I kept that school.

The season was pleasant to me I very much desired to to discharge the task with acceptance to my [illegible] [illegible] the approbation of God when the [illegible]ed a retrospect produced [illegible] of satisfaction in reflecting upon my [illegible] [illegible] improvement of my dear little Pupils

After a few weeks vacation I recommenced sch though in a different jurisdiction. I think I shall [illegible]

[illegible] my school has not been equally pleasant to me as in the summer [illegible] number of schollars a part of the time has amounted to about [illegible] the house inconvenient — When the twilight compeled me to suspend my labours and instructions I often found myself extreemly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which means my school was [illegible] but I have through the winter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to my school, I now with pleasure hail the morning of the day, when if my life is spared I shall again [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] them and earnestly desire ~~that~~ [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] them [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would and at last permit them all to sing redeeming love [illegible] the mansions of eternal rest And O my God prepare me for some humble seat there—

[illegible] the [illegible] I have committed within this house; O blot them from the book of thy remembrance. If one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tear has flowed from mine O remember them and yet be propitious to thy rebellious child—

Enosburgh— May 28 commenced a school in the north district—
July [illegible] dismissed my school 3 days for the purpose of visiting my friends in St Albans & [illegible] staying 2 days [illegible] brother & returned [illegible] Burlington sick; after staying with him a few days left him; praying the great physician to grant him healing mercies In 3 week he reached home though in feeble health.

August 21 closed my school. How swiftly has time passed [illegible] on eagles wings to [illegible] [illegible] no more [illegible] that I may be prepared for whatever an all wise God may [illegible] appoint

August 26 1828 Opened a private school at the center of Enosburgh. I find good encouragement have a good number of schollars and only wish to be better qualified to instruct. I desire to benefit those dear immortals committed to my care. Any exertion which I can make shall cheerfully be done

Sept 23 I have been contemplating the goodness of God to me during the 4 last weeks I have been in this school goodness and mercy have crowned every day yet I lament that my ingratitude to the great Giver and mourn my stupidity with regard to my own spiritual interest and the salvation of the precious immortal souls committed to my care O thou blessed Saviour sanctify them and prepare them to advance thy kingdom in the world and abundantly fit them for an entrance into that rest prepared for all that love thee-

24 Sabbath Morning I have been reading in the life of [illegible] Martyn extracts from his journal [illegible] with my religious [illegible] compared with his he says "It is pleasant to see the Saviour while here below. With his presence I can glory in tribulation sing in a dungeon triumph at the stake" In his last sickness and death how admirably does he exemplify christian patience and holy resignation far from the land of his nativity from friends and the endearments of home he languished and died in a heathen land yet peaceful and happy was his death because of his trust and confidence in God while I read I felt reproved for the vile ingratitude of my sensual heart O that I may hence learn submission and hitherto be mindful of benefits and thankful to my great Benefactor and Preserver.

Sabbath evening I have as usual attended church I seem deeply to realize the invitation of a preached Gospel

We this day realized the close of our Sabbath School for this season brother E made the report and it was an interesting one -

I have heard the recitations of the young ladies that have attended to the Biblical Catechism and have ever felt interested and instructed thereby; I can plainly discern wherein I might have been abundantly more useful in the capacity of a Sabbath School teacher as well as in every other situation in life if I was more entirely devoted to the service of God and more disengaged from the world

I have often felt while listening the summer past to the very interesting and distinguishing sermons which have been delivered to us by the Rev J Parker that I should go hence and sin no more I have resolved to live religion and endeavour

endeavour to become useful to my fellow creatures— -
But when I turn my eyes within all is dark and vain and it is
filled with unbelief and sin can I deem myself a child
I realize my affections to be carnal my heart depraved and sensual—
and I fear my example will deter some of my associate from
entering the mansions of Eternal rest

Sept 26 It is indeed true that Sally Royce is dead: alass she is dead: all that
is mortal of her was this day covered by the cold clods of the valley—
So I know not how to express the feelings which this awful intelligence
has excited in my [illegible] Art thou gone forever gone [illegible] I no more
behold thee? Is it possible that thou art an inhabitant of Eternity and
and thy state fixed unalterably=
I can see the justice of God in thus calling her down yet on retrospect
of her life my particular acquaintance with her the many expressions
of friendship which I have received from her and the peculiarities
ities of her life (for surely it was a chequered scene) produce in my
mind painful emotions which I can not repress —
O may this solemn admonition be so improved by me as to
prepare me ~~for the~~ to meet the summons of death with tranquill
ity to be satisfied with living and prepared for death I desire to be
humbled in view of the ingratitude of my heart the impiety of
my life.

Oct 2 Sabbath— We have had no preaching but yet there remaineth
to us the keeping of Sabbaths on earth we have yet the glorious privile-
ge of worshiping God in his sanctuary—

3 Monday morning have entered the school house earlier than usual
have leisure ~~for~~ time for writing but think of nothing to add — The morn
ing is pleasant indeed the weather all most as warm as in mid sum-
mer

5 ~~Visited~~ Yesterday visited sister Royce who is sick of a fever altho I think
her convalescent and yet she is feeble.

I have now left my school with much regret to nurse ~~sis~~ sister Royce.
who is extreemly sick.

After spending several weeks in Berkshire I returned to E spent spent the remainder of the time until January in sewing when the district school was divided and I took charge of about 30 In February I took a journey with brother Ammi to Montreal my curiosity was much gratified in viewing the town a visit to the nunnery was peculiarly gratifying From Montreal we journeyed to St Johns we enjoyed our visit in [illegible] family very much On the sabbath we attended Mass at the Catholic Church. The various exercises were to me very singular & novel their worship seemed to me like idolatry: they are indeed a bigoted superstitious deluded set. O! That pagan zeal was found in christian hearts

On monday returned to town spent the night and the day on Tuesday in Mr Bridges family, Miss Elizabeth Bridge accompanied us to the Nunnery where we were highly entertained; we made several other calls during the day. It was observed that this was the coldest day ever realized in Canada.

The next day left town and enjoyed a good journey home. When I arrived at brother [illegible] I found my dear Father there though in very feeble health On the sabbath preceding he baptized little Martin Winslow and made home with [illegible] he there no more forever.

On monday recommenced my school and continued several weeks

[illegible] intelligence of brother [illegible] [illegible] induced [illegible] [illegible] shire He remained [illegible] [illegible] appearance [illegible] his disorder assumed [illegible] little [illegible] [illegible] continu[illegible] that he was unprepared [illegible] his distress was great indeed [illegible] his [illegible] finite existence was lost & he expressed a willingness that God should dispose of him as he saw best He [illegible] an affectionate [illegible]

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[illegible] hidden and at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] inhabitant of the world of spirits. But the thread of [illegible] was at length drawn out until Friday morning at 9 just ~~when~~ his poor soul entered a neverending state of existance — During the two last days of his life reason almost entirely deserted her empire and we could only behold the poor dist[illegible] and deranged body of our once interesting and intelligent friend! His spirit has gone to that God of justice and mercy who gave —

This awful scene proved too much for the delicate constitution of the poor afflicted distressed Saphronia she sunk beneath it and was extended upon a sick couch during the preparation for the burial. Her mind was more calm than for several days before; when the day appointed arrived though her health would not admit her attendance.

On the Sabbath when our beloved brother was consigned to the cold silent grave there to moulder away in oblivion alike unknowing and unknown Till the trump of God shall awake his sleeping dust.

An appropriate sermon was preached by Mr M Bingham —

It was several weeks before sisters health was restored —

The voice of God in this bereavement is "Prepare to meet thy God;" O that it may be so improved as to better fit us for the change and trials of this dieing world make us more devoted to the service of God more useful and better fit us for a holy heaven.

May it be so improved that the all seeing God may not find it necessary to snatch from our little circle another dear friend

"Thus nature weeps when pressed with woe Yet in my heart may patience reign
And smile beneath the load of pain Till heaven command relief.
Thus shall my soul his image wear [illegible] Who came from heaven and dwelt with men
A mourning [illegible] friends with Tho never impatience once displayed
But still, "Thy will be done he said
Tho on the cross I yield my breath

April 7 — It was night and the weary clouds slow mingling into solid [illegible] It was a pensive evening; and we were seated almost silently in the same apartment where a[illegible] hearts were pierced with the dying groans of a [illegible] friend when the appalling message came that [illegible] dear Father [illegible] hastening to the Eternal world if not already there.

"Lord did not my heart strings ache
Did not I cry to thee —

I immediately made preparation to journey to Troy but so before the [illegible] had finished its diurnal task I was seized with a fever and compelled to almost entirely to relinquish the idea of ever [illegible] the kind inviting voice of my dear Father or even to enjoy the mournful satisfaction of viewing his lifeless remains [illegible] is to me a grievous affliction indeed ~~to~~ me yet I felt no disposition to alter the dealings of providence but could say "It is the Lord let him do what seemeth him good — Though he slay me yet will he trust in him.

[illegible] long weeks I languished upon a sick bed expecting each day that the awful tidings ~~would~~ of the death of my Father would sound in my ears — Then I beheld the [illegible] of vanity upon every thing below the Sun and the necessity of being prepared for the [illegible] of death which sooner or later will arrive. [illegible] regret I felt that I had done little for [illegible] I mourned that I was too unprepared to meet the pale terrific King [illegible] thou canst disarm the Monster of its stings; at thy command the tyrant drops his hostile guise and assumes a smiling mien — At thy command its victims can view the change with sweet anticipation and welcome its approach and triumph in the hour of death. [illegible] A life of [illegible] the best [illegible] agonizing hour of death and the [illegible] of a whole life into the [illegible] upon my sight;

" Lo a form divinely bright Descends and bursts upon my sight;
A seraph of illustrious birth; Religion was her name on earth
Supremely sweet her radiant face
And blooming with celestial grace

[illegible] hungry [illegible]
[illegible] afflictions [illegible] restored my health that [illegible]
[illegible] will be the [illegible]
my [illegible] met [illegible] he cleaned [illegible] with more than usual
[illegible] usually [illegible]
[illegible] his aged face [illegible] he exclaimed in a feeble tone of
voice "my dear child you have come what a mercy that I am permit-
ted to see you before I die. 3 days I spent by the sick couch of my dear Father.
I can never describe the painful satisfaction I felt in listening to his remarks
[illegible] as I then committed to paper what flowed from his pious soul
I shall not add
The pen can never describe the sorrow of my heart when I received his
valediction. "May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you bless comfort and
bind you always Farewell my dear child Farewell O how did the last
farewell rend my bleeding heart Time O thou swift careering time
stay stay [illegible] thy wings till that dear paternal voice has sounded in
mine ears yet again Often has that voice the voice of him who ~~wat~~
watched for souls rung in my dull ears "Prepare to meet thy God -
At last on the morning of the [illegible] June I left my Father's house
with [illegible] before I rode alone on horse back to Litchfield
from thence I sister accompanied [illegible] the rugged mountain
which he [illegible] often climbed for the purpose of winning souls
to Christ [illegible]
[illegible] and the sinners [illegible] but God is removing the [illegible]
[illegible] that he has well nigh accomplished what God had
[illegible] earth and He will doubtless receive him into that
rest prepared for all his friends where is fullness of joy and shall
I [illegible] my Father [illegible] of heavenly rest for a season
while [illegible] voice sounds from heaven and bids the welcome
[illegible] Gabriel's harp will ~~[illegible]~~
sound [illegible] will bid the welcome when the undying
soul is [illegible]
Then with transport will he exclaim "And is this heaven
and am I here How short the road how swift the flight

My Parents

My Parents! ah those hallowed names so dear
Of those who oft have quelled my infant fears
And soothed in accents tender as the voice
Of mercies angel all my griefs to rest;
Who on thy bosoms pillowed many an hour
This acheing head; who wept at every pang
I felt and and smiled when I was happy!
And art you gone forever! gone when much
I need thy kind instructions and thy care
Paternal love bestowed to guide my steps
In virtues paths! Ah yes! no dream of night
No painted vision of the fancy wild
Imaginations airy picture tells
O thy departure! Would it were a dream!
The pain it brings might then depart with sleep
And with rapture still behold thee here!
But now if e'er I dream I wake to feel
It real! O'tis true that you art gone!
Thou didst languish on the bead of death
Thy tender frames decayed thine eyes grew dim
And calmly close in that cold wakeless sleep!
I saw the dark insignia of the grave
And followed to thy long thy lonely homes!
Ah! then was op'd a wound which never shall close
Till I shall rest my weary lims with thine!
But shall I mourn as those that have no hope?
No- thou art not dead but sweetly sleepin
The peaceful tomb whose darkness Jesus cheered
When he for us laid low his sacred head.
As he arose so thou ere long shall rise
A glorious form like the son of God.
Then I'll no longer weep since thou hast gone
To dwell with God but only shed a tear

Sea

As nature dictates on thy lonely turfs
That thou so soon has left me fatherless.
When nature's sunk in calm repose and night
Shall throw her veil around my home I oft
~~Wil~~ would wander forth and guided by the pale
Moon's pensive light congenial to the heart
Of sorrow visit thy repose; beside
Thy grave I ~~wou~~ld sit and count thy virtues o'er:
And strive to make them ~~th~~ mine; and when amid
The silence of the scene the still small voice
Shall breath upon my ear "Be ready too!"
Upon those sacred spots would prostrate fall,
And yield my heart to God; and consecrate
To him my every power. To him Mine;
And when the future shall have joined the past
And I have done with life O may I sleep
With thee; my soul meet with thine upon the plains
Of heaven where we never more shall part

Sabbath Morning [illegible]

How pleasant to realize the return of this holy sabbath morning It recalls to mind
the mercies of a God & reproaches me for the vile ingratitude of my selfish heart to
the author of my existance the only source of blessedness the light of this morning seems
to bring fresh to mind the agonies of my desponding heart but two years since this was
the language of my heart then was what shall I do to be saved? I then thought should I be
willing to relinquish every thing that was near & dear to me all that rendered
life pleasant or desirable & cheerfully submit to any privation or hardship which
could possibly be endured for the hope of the salvation of my immortal soul

July 1818 My dear Grandma is now numbered with the great congregation of the dead her
body lies mouldering in the dust and her spirit has taken its flight I trust to the regions
of bliss I have received her last act of kindness her kind inviting voice will no longer animate
and cheer my spirits no more shall I be seated in her little family circle and listen to her relation
of past events and receive her friendly advise and oh how fresh in my memory are the mo
many social interviews with this dear departed friend but Alass she is now no more
her work is done and I trust well done. While this mournful intelligence reminds me
of days past of friends departed may it quicken me in duty and serve to wean my affections
from this transitory world O thou God of mercy make an unguarded youth the
object of thy care deliver me from myself the worst of foes and may I be conformed
to thyne holy and divine will I desire to spend the remainder of my days in thy serv
may my feeble capasities be enlarged that I may be some way and somewhere
useful in thy world and while I am engaged in teaching the young idea how to shoot
may I be taught of thee and when thou hast done serving thy self with me here
may I be prepaired by thy grace to meet my dear Grandma in the heavenly
mansions above where I shall be enabled to unite in singing the song of redeeming love
through the countless ages of Eternity Since I have [illegible] the [illegible]
Grandma I have in the course of providence to behold my own dear
Mother languish and die on Sunday previous to her death I came from
school found her very sick and continued so through the day on Saturday
on the Sabbath appeared better on Monday returned to my school but alas
what was my surprise at evening to hear she was hastning to the etern
al world for six long days we watched her decline when every breath
seemed a groan and every thing which this world afforded had indeed
lost its charms to her but blessed be God her confidence was stron
in the Lord while she anxiously waited the summons of death
Lord did not my heart strings break did not I cry to thee
On that eventful Sabbath morning of the 25 of July her spirit took
its flight as we trust to the realms of glory
An angel guides on thy way a gracious voice sounds from heave
and bids thee welcome Oft has the kind voice of my dea
father he who watched for souls solemnly rung in my dull ea
Prepare to meet thy God Time O thou restless swift car
stay stay but one short moment rest thy wings till my undying so
found its God